



George Hal Hughes

November 16, 1938 - June 21, 2025

George Hal Hughes, 86, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and faithful Christian went home to be with his Lord on June 21, 2025. He was born on November 16, 1938, in West Point, to George Elbert and Minnie Mae Hughes. He was a graduate of S.D. Lee High School in Columbus and East Mississippi Community College, and received a bachelor's and master's degree from Mississippi State University.

Hal enjoyed a forty-year career at Northeast Mississippi Community College. Hal began as an instructor, baseball coach, and assistant basketball coach to Coach Bonner Arnold. He restarted the baseball program, which won the state championship in 1962. He later served as Director of Student Financial Aid, Director of Guidance, Supervisor of Dormitories, Chief of Security and Dean of Student Affairs. After Hal retired in 2000, he began his second career as a realtor, broker and appraiser for Robert Davis Realty and Justin Tapp Realty.

Hal was an active member of First Methodist Church of Booneville for over 60 years, serving on multiple church committees. In addition, he was president and a teacher of the Upper Room Sunday School Class. He was a member of the Tiger Den Coffee Club and enjoyed playing golf and traveling with family and friends. Hal will be remembered for his immense love for his family, his deep faith, and his great sense of humor. He touched the lives of those who knew him with his generosity, his kindness and his genuine spirit.

Hal is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara, whom he married August 19, 1962; his sister, Frances Thompson (Dickie); his three children, Amy Hughes Beckham (Ron) of Oxford, Christopher Hal Hughes (Paula) of Madison, and Lea Ann Roberson (Brian) of Georgetown, SC; his six grandchildren: Tyler Joseph Beckham (Sara Jane), Hunter Hughes Beckham, Johnson Christopher Hughes, Brewer Hal Hughes, Emily Smith Roberson, and Jackson Hughes Roberson; and two great-grandchildren: Slayde Johnston Beckham and Stella Jane Beckham.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Minnie Mae Hughes; his sister, Jane Hughes Pittman; and his brother, Garry Van Hughes.

Pallbearers will be his grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Wesley Berean Sunday School Class and members of the Tiger Den Coffee Club.

A celebration of life will be held on, Thursday, June 26th, 2025, 11:00 AM at the First Methodist Church, Booneville. Visitation will be held in the Sanctuary of the church on Thursday morning beginning at 9:00 AM until the service hour. Graveside service will be at 2:30PM, Vista Memorial Park, Hwy 15 South, New Albany. Bro. Trey Lambert and Bro. Bobby Hankins will be officiating. Booneville Funeral Home will be entrusted with arrangements.

Memorials may be made to First Methodist Church, P.O. Box 235, Booneville, MS, 38829 or to Saint Jude Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Vista Memorial Park

New Albany, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
Booneville , MS 38829

Funeral Service

JUN 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUN 26. 2:30 PM.

Vista Memorial Park
New Albany, MS

Tribute Wall



“ Barbara, Danielle and I were sorry to hear about Hal’s death. Hal and you were good friends during our Booneville years when I served as pastor at First Baptist. Hal had a wonderful, out-going personality that always left you feeling better after meeting him around town. Several generations of students at Northeast were blessed by the investment of his life in the college. We always looked forward to the annual joint worship service with First Methodist. We knew that we would see Hal and you at that service because of your faithfulness to your church May the Lord bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. May the God of comfort and the Father of mercies sustain you now and in all the days ahead! —
Lynn & Danielle Jones

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